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**Response to Rule 312 Communication**

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1. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

2. ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is dismissed.

a) ☐ The requisite petition fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ has not been received.

b) ☐ Other :

\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. ☒ The amendment filed on 14 August 2000 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

d) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

  
**GLENN K. DAWSON**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Examiner spoke with George Renzoni regarding the Notice of Allowability which mistakenly indicated that the submitted drawings were informal, and that a Notice of the Draftsperson's review was attached.

This indication was made in error, as in fact the drawings, as submitted, are formal drawings, and no Notice of the Draftsperspn's Patent Drawing Review is in the file. Therefore, the application is in condition for allowance

**ATTACHMENT TO AND MODIFICATION OF**  
**NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY (PTO-37)**  
*(November, 2000)*

**NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME ARE PERMITTED TO FILE CORRECTED OR FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION**, notwithstanding any indication to the contrary in the attached Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).

If the following language appears on the attached Notice of Allowability, the portion lined through below is of no force and effect and is to be ignored<sup>1</sup>:

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE **THREE MONTHS** FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. ~~Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).~~

Similar language appearing in any attachments to the Notice of Allowability, such as in an Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in a Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, is also to be ignored.

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<sup>1</sup> The language which is crossed out is contrary to amended 37 CFR 1.85(c) and 1.136. See "Changes to Implement the Patent Business Goals", 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, 54629, 54641, 54670, 54674 (September 8, 2000), 1238 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 77, 99, 110, 135, 139 (September 19, 2000)